

The Founder Fire



News and Views of the Founder Fellowship

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, CAMP MINIWANCA, SHELBY, MICHIGAN

B. D.

June 26, 1937.

Dear Founder-Camper:

An early morning greeting to you. The "B.D." means "Before Dawn." It is just 3:45 Miniwanca time (4:45 Michigan time). It is a glorious day. The air is slightly warm. A brisk breeze is rustling the leaves in the tree tops. Over on Stony Lake the waves are making that peculiar slap, slap sound so characteristic of waterfronts, when moored boats are tugging at their ropes.

A half hour ago, from the midlanding on the steps at Stony Lake, I had a glorious view of a gorgeous sunrise - the sky ablaze with color, the birches along Squaw Bay silhouetted against the gray-blue waters -- quarter moon high in the sky. Over here at the Lake Michigan unit birds are singing lustily, all of them I am certain, from the salvos of sound that come to me here at my desk. Little rabbits scamper across the terrace outside my window -- the big Eating Lodge, silent now, in contrast to the lively scenes at meal hours, looms up through the trees along the new cement drive -- Lake Michigan - big, dark, restive - little color now -- her turn comes tonight when she puts on her dazzling robes for another matchless Miniwanca sunset. Oh, oh! stay with it, brother -- atta boy -- once more - he did it! --- a robin, he got his worm -- too bad Mr. Worm, but robins will be robins and early birds will be early birds. ----- A Miniwanca Dawn.

----- well, we're waiting for you and all set for your arrival, Senior Camper! Senior, because we also have camps for boys and girls 11 to 17 years of age -- more than 350 campers and leaders are on the grounds at this time. On Sunday, August 1, they leave and the next day more than 300 older girls, young women and leaders will arrive at Miniwanca for two glorious weeks of leadership training, personal conditioning, fellowship, play and challenging adventure.

August 15 they leave and 300 husky young men and leaders will appear for the final two weeks of the summer. More than forty states, Canada and two foreign countries will be represented in the Senior camps.

This letter is just a final word of greeting to assure you of a hearty welcome when you come to Miniwanca. You will find enclosed:

- (a) Travel suggestions and instructions.
- (b) List of suggested articles to bring, mail or express to camp.
- (c) And very important - an INFORMATION SHEET and a VOCATIONAL BLANK which you are required to fill out and MAIL AT ONCE. ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE FROM THESE BLANKS ONLY. The camps are filled. More applicants are clamoring to get in. Registered campers whose Pre-Camp Information Blanks are not received by July 19th for the Girls' Camp and August 1st for the Boys' Camp, will have to take their places on the waiting list.

My suggestion to you is to mail your blanks the same day you receive this letter. It is so easy to put it off and then --- overlook it entirely.

There is no need, I am sure, to tell you more now about Miniwanca. You old campers, especially, know what Miniwanca stands for. You are coming back for more, because you so thoroughly believe in the value of Miniwanca training. You new campers -- let me assure you that a real adventure in purposeful living awaits you here. It is simple, effective and appealing. As one camper put it -- "I just really didn't know much about living 'til I came to Miniwanca." I am confident that the concept of "balance" according to Jesus' own way of living, including the physical, mental, social and religious phases of life, will grip you, just as it has the thousands of other young people who have come to these camps during the past quarter century.

With kindest regards and looking forward with much anticipation to our fellowship together at Miniwanca, I am

Most sincerely yours,

PRESTON G. ORWIG - "Wadjepi"
Director.

WHAT TO TAKE TO CAMP

Wool bathing suit or trunks (2 if you	Toothpaste
Pajamas have them)	Flashlight
Raincoat, cape, or poncho	Fountain pen - pencils
Heavy sweater or jacket	Pocket knife
Tennis shoes - low-heeled oxfords	Bible
Old pair shoes to wear on hike to	Musical instruments (if you wish)
Bathrobe swimming dock	Tennis racquet
Socks	Kodak (if desired)
Handkerchiefs	Comic or other costume (if you have
Soap and container	Needle, thread, pins one)
Lotion, cold cream, mosquito dope	Wrapping paper and twine if
Toothbrush and container	mailing bundles home.

SPECIAL LIST FOR GIRLS

Bathing cap & shoes (red cap, if non-swimmer)
Outing shirts or blouses
Slacks, shorts, or knickers (one pair wool)
Practical underwear

SPECIAL LIST FOR BOYS

Shirts
Extra pair of old trousers or
Underwear overalls
Gym suits

IMPORTANT - Mark your name permanently on all your clothes and equipment.

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WHAT TO MAIL TO CAMP TWO WEEKS BEFORE STARTING ON YOUR TRIP

3 warm blankets	
Change of sheets - cot size	Be sure to write your own
Change of pillow slips	name on package - clearly
Bath towels - face towels - face cloths	and distinctly.
Sweaters or shoes that you may not want to carry.	

MAIL - insured Parcel Post, addressed to yourself
c/o The American Youth Foundation,

CAMP MAILING ADDRESSES -

CAMP MINIWANCA,

Shelby, Michigan

or

CAMP MERROWVISTA

Center Ossipee, N. H.

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1. Be sure to send mail in plenty of time to reach camp before your arrival. Wrap carefully - duffel bags, strong corrugated boxes, etc., good for mailing.
2. Films, notebooks and paper, camp stationery, camp postcards and stamps may be purchased at the camp store.
3. Do not have candy or other food mailed to you at camp. You will have plenty to eat at meal time.

(Be sure to save this sheet)

TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MINIWANCA CAMPERS

Older Girls' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, August 2nd.
Older Boys' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, August 16th.

All campers and leaders are expected to be in camp on date of opening. Plan to arrive in Muskegon or Ludington, Michigan, on Monday morning, opening day of camp.

CAMPERS TRAVELING BY WAY OF CHICAGO

Take PERE MARQUETTE train leaving 11:30 p.m. Central Standard Time from Grand Central Station, South Wells and Harrison Streets, Chicago, to Muskegon. THE RATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED. Note carefully the following schedule:

PARTY RATES: (Girls leaving Chicago Sunday night Aug. 1, - Boys Aug. 15)
\$5.00 round trip - good in sleeper (minimum of 10 in party)
3.00 round trip - coach only (minimum of 30 persons in party)

INDIVIDUAL RATES: (for those who miss the party)
\$6.00 round trip - good in sleeper -(16 day limit)

(Make your own sleeper reservations through local agent. Lower \$2.00; upper \$1.60)

Register at Depot

When you arrive at the Grand Central Station go to the ticket window, present your American Youth Foundation identification certificate, and REGISTER with the ticket agent. (But do not buy your ticket at this time.) State whether you will want the \$5.00 round trip (first class, which gives you the privilege of purchasing a berth) or \$3.00 round trip (coach only, which means that you would have to sit up all night.) When TEN persons have registered for the \$5.00 rate, the agent may begin to sell those tickets. When THIRTY have registered for the \$3.00 round trip rate, the agent will begin to sell those tickets.

Now be sure to register at the Grand Central Station as soon as possible after you arrive in Chicago. Then do not delay the actual purchase of your ticket until the very last minute before the train leaves at 11:30 p.m. Return ahead of time and get your ticket just as soon as the agent can sell it. If you check in for the \$5.00 party rate and want a good night's rest, plan to purchase your ticket as soon as possible after 9:00 p.m. The point is to avoid congestion at the ticket window just before departure of the train.

This may sound complicated, but we are trying hard to interpret to you the rulings covering this year's transportation from Chicago to Muskegon. Read it again and get it straight, and then act accordingly.

(Note: Those interested in traveling all night by bus Chicago to Muskegon, inquire at your local bus terminal for schedules. Plan to arrive in Muskegon so as to connect with special chartered Greyhound bus which leaves at 7:30 a.m. for Camp.)

BE SURE TO TAKE YOUR IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE WITH YOU IF
WANT TO GET SPECIAL PERE MARQUETTE TRAIN RATE

MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN CAMPERS

Wisconsin-Michigan Steamship Company boat leaves Milwaukee for Muskegon 11:30 p.m. Special camper-party rate: \$3.00 round trip. Stateroom if desired, \$4.25. (Can be shared by four persons.) You must be identified to get this special round trip rate. Be sure to present American Youth Foundation identification certificate.

MICHIGAN, OHIO, INDIANA, ONTARIO, NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA CAMPERS

See your agent for best routing to Muskegon, Michigan. (Undoubtedly via Grand Rapids.) Make connections so as to arrive on first morning train or bus. If you can, connect with special camp bus at Pere Marquette depot or Occidental Hotel. Otherwise take first Greyhound bus to Shelby, Michigan and telephone camp. We will call for you. This latter is in case of emergency only.

from MUSKEGON TO CAMP

Chartered Greyhound buses will meet the train in Muskegon. Special rate - including baggage - \$1.25 direct to camp from Muskegon. Bus fares will be collected after arrival in camp.

CAMPERS ARRIVING AT LUDINGTON

Take Greyhound bus at boat landing in Ludington to New Era. From there call camp.

***** DRIVING TO CAMP MINIWANCA *****

Head for MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN. Take U. S. 31 to New Era, turn west, follow Stony Lake and Camp Miniwanca signs $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles to camp. Drive through to main unit on Lake Michigan.

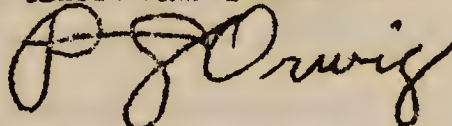
IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

Be sure to take this with you if you want to get special camper party rates on Pere Marquette Railway or on the Wisconsin-Michigan Steamship Line. It will identify you as a member of The American Youth Foundation party.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the bearer is a member of our Camp Miniwanca organization and therefore entitled to the party rates granted The American Youth Foundation.



P. G. Orwig, Director
The American Youth Foundation

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. The letterhead memorandum is being submitted to the Bureau for information and for the Bureau's consideration and action.

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Special Agent in Charge

(IMPORTANT: FOR PERMANENT RECORD FILE)

SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL BLANK

American Youth Foundation

Older Boys' and Girls' Camp-Conferences

Name _____

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State)

School will attend in Fall _____
(Name) (Location)

High School () or College () check year () Freshman () Junior
this Fall () Sophomore () Senior

Your residence address at school _____

Business _____
(Name of Firm) (Location) (Your position)

Church you attend _____ (Denomination) _____

Name of person responsible for your coming to Founder Camp _____

If you have previously attended a Founder Camp give year _____

(BE SURE TO MAIL THIS WITH YOUR PRE-CAMP INFORMATION BLANK)

(REPLY TO ENVELOPE ONLY)

MAIL ADDRESS ONLY

Postage paid by addressee

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CAMPER INFORMATION SHEET
The Founder Leadership Training Camps

NOTE - To insure holding the place now being reserved for you, this blank properly filled out, must be returned within ten days after receipt of same.

Name: _____

Summer
Address: _____
No. _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____

PHYSICAL: Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____
Condition of Health: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____. Indicate briefly
the nature of any recent illness: _____

Condition of Heart: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____. Indicate briefly
if you have had any heart condition that would keep you from participating in
normal physical games and play: _____

Estimate by check mark your skill and experience in the following sports:

	Fair	Good	Excellent		Much	Little
Skill: Baseball				Experience:		
Volley Ball						
Tennis						
Ping Pong						
Swimming						

Indicate on what organized teams you have played, such as baseball, basketball,
etc. _____

MENTAL: How much schooling have you had? _____
If in business, indicate whether you are now pursuing any special studies: _____

Name 3 magazines you read regularly _____

Name 3 of the best books you have read in the past 6 months: _____

SOCIAL: To what school, church, social service, civic or social organization
have you belonged during the past year, and state what offices you have held: _____

RELIGIOUS: What is your Denomination? _____. Are you a church
member? _____. Do you attend church regularly? _____. Why do you believe in
the church? _____

WHY do you want to attend Camp Miniwanca? _____

Return postage guaranteed

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION

Shelby, Michigan

- CAMPS OF THE FOUR-FOLD LIFE -

CAMP MERROWVISTA ... Center Ossipee, N.H.

- on Danhole Lake in the
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CAMP MINIWANCA Shelby, Michigan

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Stony Creek in the wooded
sand dunes of Michigan.

Substituted for last page - as graduated leaders

GRADUATES !!!

FORMER LEADERS !!!

We are in need of leaders for Older Girls' and Older Boys' Camps. The enrollment is large and we are looking forward to two wonderful camps. We have an especially heavy enrollment of former campers this year. We need more leaders. You know you couldn't possibly spend a finer vacation than you would at Miniwanca. The weather this year is marvelous and the water is fine. All the new improvements since last year make the camp more attractive than ever. Above all is the very fine fellowship with old friends and comrades.

LEADER SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTING TO \$21.50

is offered this year to all Graduates and Former Leaders. Send in your reservation right away and look forward to two glorious weeks of fellowship and service in the "Camp of Golden Splendor."

Sincerely,

"Wadjepi"

(If you decide to come to Miniwanca as a leader, please fill in and mail to us the Vocational Blank below)

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LEADER'S BLANK

(IMPORTANT: FOR PERMANENT RECORD FILE)

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